SubB27 thereof, and the hard insert having at least three discrete
93 leading cutting edges for cutting the earth strata wherein each said at least three leading cutting edges are nonlinear.

SubB37 23. (Amended) A monolithic hard member for attachment to a drill bit body so as to form a rotary drill bit for penetrating the earth strata and the rotary drill bit
94 having a central longitudinal axis, the monolithic hard member comprising: at least three discrete leading cutting edges for cutting the earth strata, projecting from the forward surface of the hard member wherein each said at least three cutting edges, is stepped whereby the step improves the disintegration of the earth strata.

SubB47 25. (Amended) The hard member of claim 23 wherein the hard insert further including a side clearance cutting
95 edge for cutting the earth strata corresponding to each one of the leading cutting edges for cutting the earth strata.

26. (Amended) The rotary drill bit of claim 23 wherein said at least three stepped cutting edges has an upper step and a lower step.

SubB47 32. (Amended) A monolithic hard member for attachment to a drill bit body so as to form a rotary drill
96 bit for penetrating the earth strata said hard member comprising: at least three discrete leading cutting edges for cutting the earth strata wherein each said at least three leading cutting edges are nonlinear.

**Please add the following claims:**

SubB57 37. (new) A mining roof bit having a monolithic
97 hard member comprising: at least three discrete leading cutting edges for cutting the earth strata wherein each said at least three leading cutting edges are nonlinear.

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38. (new) The mining roof bit of claim 37 wherein each of the leading cutting edges has a radially inward upper step and a radially outward lower step.

39. (new) The mining roof bit of claim 37 wherein each of the leading cutting edges essentially consists of a radially inward upper step and a radially outward lower step with a transition portion between said upper step and said lower step.

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